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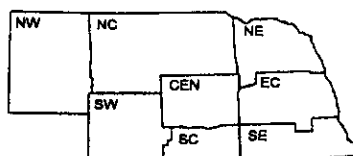
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WEATHER

Temperatures across Nebraska averaged seven to ten degrees above normals. Precipitation was light across the State with amounts ranging from traces to thirteen hundredths of an inch in Niobrara

GENERAL

Dry, dry, dry is the word that best describes the weather conditions across most of the State, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Conditions were particularly bad for emerging wheat stands that were in need of moisture. Wheat needs a good stand going into the winter to avoid winter kill and root and crown rot when it breaks dormancy next spring. Producers were tearing up soil to hopefully catch any moisture in their area. Some reports indicate soil temperatures were still too warm for fertilizing. Some CRP filter strips were being planted. Main activities included fencing, caring for livestock,

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putting away harvest equipment, reviewing financial records for current year, and cattle processing.

CROPS

Some wheat fields showed more bare ground than growing wheat. Wheat conditions rated 9% very poor, 12% poor, 29% fair, 43% good, and 7% excellent.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Livestock producers were moving cattle off parched pastures and rangeland because of the growing threats of wildfires. It has been noted that some producers were having trouble with weaned calves and confined livestock because of dust and respiratory problems. Producers were applying water to decrease the dust. Pasture and range conditions rated 18% very poor, 35% poor, 37% fair, and 10% good.

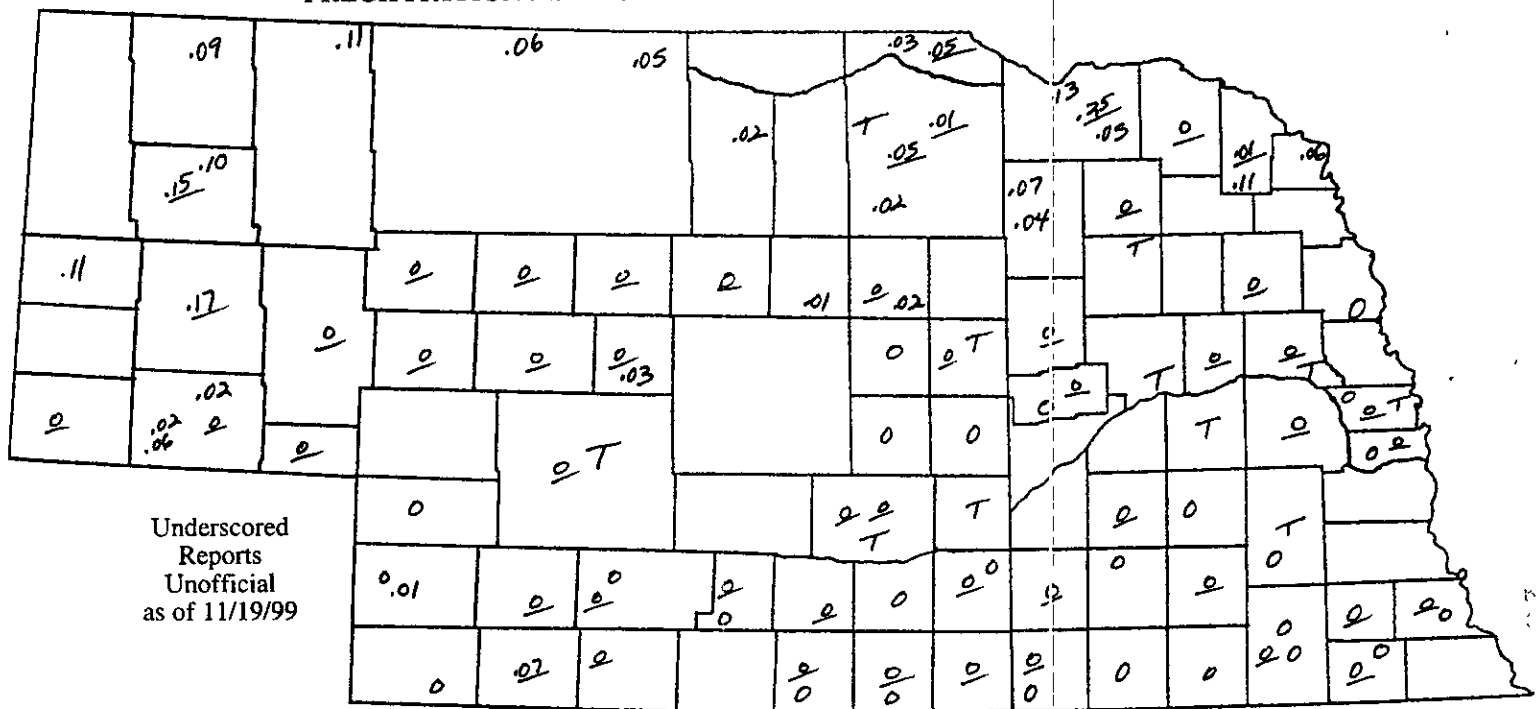
DAYS SUITABLE & SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF NOVEMBER 19, 1999	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE			
Days suitable	6.6	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.7	7.0	5.7
Topsoil moisture - Very Short	3	67	77	64	55	47	85	100	64	54	0
(Percent) - Short	70	31	23	32	45	46	15	0	31	36	3
- Adequate	27	2	0	4	0	7	0	0	5	10	91
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Subsoil moisture - Very Short	0	29	57	45	33	14	61	42	42	37	1
(Percent) - Short	23	58	38	48	55	51	36	39	39	37	8
- Adequate	77	13	5	7	12	35	3	19	19	26	85
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6

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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1999



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1999

Station		Temperature			Precipitation	
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	74	19	46	---	.09
	Scottsbluff	77	21	46	+10	.11
	Sidney	76	24	47	---	.02
NC	Valentine	76	21	44	+11	.05
NE	Norfolk	72	24	45	+10	T
	Sioux City	69	19	43	+7	.06
CEN	Grand Island	71	24	46	+9	T
	Ord	72	24	43	---	0
EC	Lincoln	72	20	47	+9	T
	Omaha	71	22	46	+8	T
SW	Imperial	75	25	48	---	.01
	North Platte	73	21	43	+8	T